



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2142

1. **Project Title** Jacksonville Zoo Manatee Gateway Experience2. **Senate Sponsor** Aaron Bean3. **Date of Request** 01/06/20204. **Project/Program Description**

Funds will help construct the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' proposed \$15M Manatee Gateway experience, which will include the Manatee River Exhibit, a "first and final impressions exhibit" featuring Florida's most iconic aquatic, threatened mammal. Specifically, the requested \$4,000,000 will be used for the Manatee Life Support System component of the project.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Fish and Wildlife Conservation CommissionState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	4000000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	4,000,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of the Life Support System component of the Manatee Gateway and Manatee River Exhibit, which will house and rehab Florida Manatees.	4,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,000,000



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11. Program Performance

- a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

The manatee life support system that will be procured as a result of this funding will serve as the backbone of the critical care facility and exhibit, allowing the Zoo to properly and safely house and rehabilitate the mammals.

- b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The funding will provide Zoo staff, FWC officials, and other key personnel a state of the art facility to house and rehab orphaned and injured Florida manatees, all while also serving as an important cultural and educational resource for the Zoo's visitors.

- c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The Manatee Gateway Experience exhibit will provide Zoo visitors with a state of the art opportunity for those interested in Florida's threatened and iconic aquatic mammal. The exhibit would be both educational and beneficial for orphaned or injured manatees being rehabilitated on site.

- d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The general public will benefit from this project (more than 1,000,000 people visit the Zoo annually).

- e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The benefits will be an increased capacity in the state to care for Florida's beloved water mammal as well as the creation of what will be a nationally-recognized exhibit that provides a fun and engaging experience in an ethical, animal care-centric fashion. The Zoo will measure the benefits by tracking the number of manatees under its care and their associated health outcomes, as well as the annual number of visitors who experience the exhibit.

- f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in the Zoo not receiving the funds.



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

The owner of the Zoo is the City of Jacksonville. The entity receiving funding to implement the improvements is the Jacksonville Zoological Society, which has a long-term contractual relationship with the City to manage the Zoo and deliver infrastructure investments.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
 - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☒ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.